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Serial No.: TBA )  
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Title: METHODS AND ASSAYS USEFUL IN THE )  
TREATMENT OF ALCOHOL )  
DEPENDENCE OR ALCOHOL ABUSE )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be amended as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page one, under the heading "Statement of Related Applications," please amend the first paragraph to read--This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/310,614, filed May 12, 1999; which in turn claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/085,148, filed May 12, 1998, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

On page 8, after the Summary of Invention and before the Detailed Description of Certain Preferred Embodiments, please amend the specification to insert the following Brief Description of the Drawings: